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SUBJECT: Topic for Discussion at DCI Breakfast Meeting
with Secretary Weinberger on 29 January 1982

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The dismissal of Vice President and Defense Minister Abd al-Madjid Hamid Khalil of Sudan by President Nimeiri on 25 January and Nimeiri's subsequent forced retirement of 22 senior military officers and supporters of Khalil has left Khartoum in disarray. For the moment Khalil appears to be taking the action in good grace and President Nimeiri and his new heir apparent, Major General 'Umar al-Tayyib, felt comfortable enough to travel this week to Aswan to meet with President Mubarak of Egypt. Khalil was very popular in the military, though, and some sort of action by the military against Nimeiri cannot be ruled out. After Nimeiri's erratic statements of last week, his decisiveness in firing Khalil has the earmarks of someone who is not about to step down voluntarily from power as had been rumored last week.

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